

ANNUAL REPORT OF THE SECRETARY OF WAR

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of the better type of machines for instruction purposes and for fieldwork.

Fortifications.
The secretary refers to fortifications of the various coast cities, Manila and Honolulu harbors and says it will cost \$12,499,000 and over to fortify the Panama canal and recommends that steps be taken for the work.

The secretary calls attention to the fact that the entrance to Chesapeake bay, one of the most important points strategically on the Atlantic sea coast, is wholly unfortified, not a single gun being mounted to defend the channel between Cape Charles and Cape Henry.

At another important point—the eastern entrance to Long Island Sound—additional guns are needed. Except for these instances, so far as guns alone are concerned, the sea coast defenses at all home ports are in a very satisfactory state, but much remains to be done in providing such auxiliaries as search lights and in developing the fire control system, which will require about \$4,000,000 of expenditure.

Short on Artillery.
There is an inadequate supply of field artillery guns, carriages and ammunition, due largely to lack of appropriations. This shortage of field artillery material is the most serious feature of the present military situation and one that should be immediately corrected.

Raising the Maine.
As a result of preliminary investigation, the board decided upon a way to raise the sunken battleship Maine. It provides for the construction of a cofferdam of interlocking steel piling, within which the wreck is to be first exposed by unwatering and the removal of overlying material, in order to permit, if desired, of a thorough examination of the condition of the wreck in its present position. While it is expected that the appropriation of \$300,000 will accomplish all the preliminary work contemplated at present, the actual removal of the wreck and the restoration of the harbor to its original condition will require a further appropriation.

The Organized Militia.
The strength of the organized militia, as reported at the annual inspections, is 1155 officers and 1245 enlisted men, a net increase of 734 over last year. This includes 140 regiments, nine separate battalions, seven separate companies of infantry, 69 troops of cavalry, 51 batteries of field artillery and 112 companies of coast artillery.

The last annual inspections established, in a general way, the fact that the organized militia of the United States conforms practically in organization and equipment to the regular army, and while it may be considered as a general proposition that there is a fair degree of conformity in matters of training, it is to be noted that the efficiency in the training of the militia for field service varies from a high to a low degree.

Little more can be done in regard to instruction, until some provision is made by congress which will allow the department to assign officers on the active list of the army to duty with the organized militia.

Coast Artillery Reserves.
The policy of the department which contemplates the enlistment of the coast artillery reserves shall be provided by the organized militia of the seaboard states, has been successfully continued during the past year. All of the coast states have made provision for coast artillery reserves except New Jersey, Delaware, and Louisiana. A scheme has been drawn up to provide these armories with a dummy armament, which will enable officers and men to drill at dummy guns, including artillery sub-caliber target practice, and thereby develop team work during the armory instruction period.

The Panama Canal.
The work on the Panama Canal for the fiscal year, 1916, shows that the usual steady and satisfactory progress has been accomplished during the year. The total excavation during the fiscal year amounted to 31,538,122 cubic yards, against 27,948,274 cubic yards excavated during the preceding year. Of the amount excavated during the last year, 19,903,450 cubic yards were taken out by steam shovels and 11,634,672 cubic yards by dredges. The average total monthly excavation of all kinds the past fiscal year was 2,654,843 cubic yards, as compared with 2,182,910 cubic yards in 1909, and 2,531,615 cubic yards in 1908.

Civil Service Retirement.
I renew the recommendation made in my annual report last year that provision be made for the retirement on annuities of war employees who have become superannuated in the service, thus following the practice which many railroads and other large business enterprises have found it advisable to

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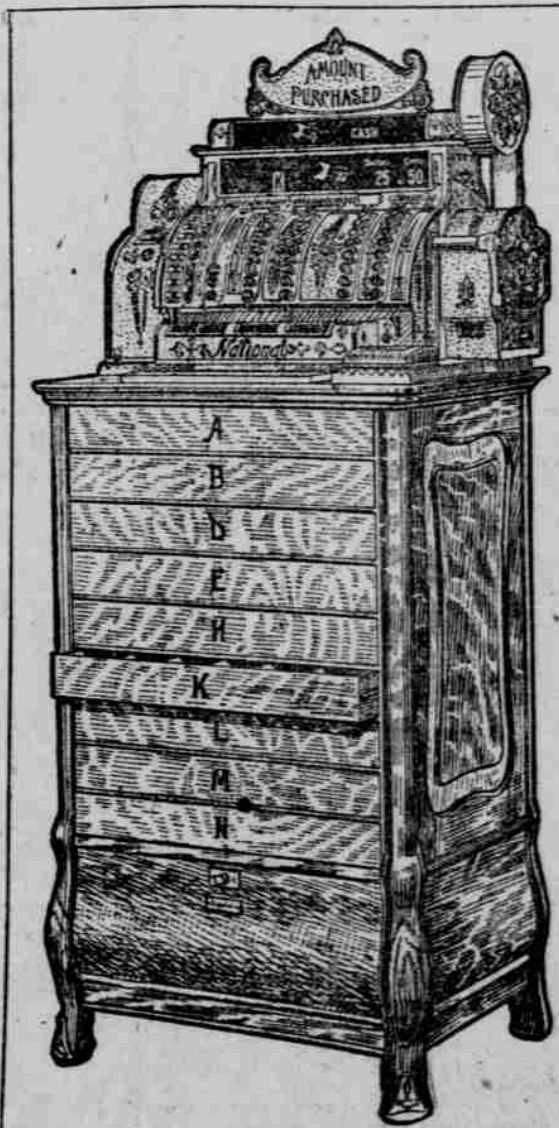
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SUSPECT HELD IN RAISED BILL CASE

Police Think Ornelas Knows Something About the Fake \$50 Bills.

Pedro Ornelas, a Mexican, whom the police believe knows something about the numerous \$1 bills that have been raised to \$50 denominations and floated around El Paso, is detained at the police station on a charge of vagrancy and of being a suspicious character. He was arrested Friday night near Seventh and El Paso streets by officers Valencia and Perez. Manuel Gonzales, a Santa Fe watchman, will appear in police court Saturday afternoon with a witness who, it is claimed, will identify Ornelas, who is alleged to have raised several of the bills and to have passed them on unsuspecting countrymen.

A \$1 bill, the alteration of which was so perfect that it was not detected by the cashier of one of the largest banks in El Paso, was in circulation three weeks ago. Two weeks ago, a Mexican was arrested at the union station as a result of having another raised \$50 bill in his possession. He was later released by federal officers, to whom he was delivered by the police, as it was proven he had been imposed on by an unidentified Mexican.

TERMS UNDER WHICH BANK BUILDING CHANGES HANDS.

The terms whereby the Two Republics Life Insurance company takes over the Rio Grande bank building are the payment of \$7500 cash, the assumption of a mortgage for \$400,000 and the transfer to the Rio Grande bank of \$87,500 in stock of the insurance company. The Rio Grande bank leases the building for a period of six years at the rate of \$5000 per year, Winchester Cooley says.

YOUNG THAW GIVES UP "CUP THAT CHEERS"



ALPINEITES URGE NEW MINING LAWS

Changes Suggested by Convention in Sale of State Lands Containing Minerals.

Alpine, Texas, Dec. 10.—No outside delegates were present this morning, but a representative body of home people assembled in mass meeting to consider urging changes in the Texas mining laws. Later two delegates from Presidio, W. B. Mitchell and Judge Kilpatrick, arrived. Speeches were made by Dr. Ben F. Berkeley, Judge Higgins, Judge Kilpatrick and others, and a committee of three, consisting of Judges Higgins, Kilpatrick and Turney, was appointed to draw up a report, embodying legislative recommendations, and submit it to the meeting at 4 o'clock this afternoon.

The report recommends that owners of school lands, which are known to contain no minerals, be allowed to purchase the school mineral rights to such lands for a nominal sum in order that the owners' title may be made perfect; that the minimum price of mineral lands be placed much lower and that a maximum price be fixed by statute, taking this question out of the hands of the land commissioner; that actual owners be given preference rights for the purchase of minerals which may be discovered on his land, and finally, that the prospectors be not only given a preference, but receive a certain specified interest in any minerals he may discover.

Judge Kilpatrick, of Marfa, advanced the opinion that the state could give away every foot of land at the present time, including the minerals, and still be the gainer. He said he wanted to see Texas get out of the land business. A banquet with 60 covers will be given to night at the Henderson house.

MEXICAN DEPUTY FIRES HIS PISTOL AT ANOTHER DEPUTY

Mexico City, D. F., Dec. 10.—Salvador Diaz Miron, of Vera Cruz, a member of the house of deputies, fired two shots at Juan Chapital, of Oaxaca, also a member of the chamber of deputies, in the committee room of the chamber. One bullet penetrated Chapital's hat and the other went wild.

According to a statement made by the two, the trouble arose over a discussion as to whether or not Chapital had made a statement that Miron was not a brave man. Neither was arrested, as under the law deputies are not subject to arrest.

EL PASO TALKS TO DENVER OVER PHONE

Line Completed and Is Inspected by Tri-State Officials.

Messages were sent over the lines of the Tri-State Telephone company from El Paso to Denver Saturday morning and the line is in good working order, though these were simply what are known as conversations and the line has not been opened for commercial purposes.

Philip Hamlin, vice president of the company, says that it will require some time before the line can be actually opened for commercial purposes, though already messages have been accepted under protest for delivery.

E. B. Field, president of the Tri-State Telegraph and Telephone company, and a director in the Rocky Mountain Bell Telephone company; Philip Hamlin, vice president; E. M. Burgess, general manager and J. E. Macdonald, secretary of the Colorado Telephone company, Mrs. Burgess and Mrs. Field are in the city in the private car "Olympic" from Denver.

"The purpose of our visit is merely to inspect the lines from El Paso to Tucson," said Mr. Hamlin Saturday morning. "This is Mr. Field's first visit since we acquired the lines and he wants to become acquainted with conditions. We are working on our line to Tucson and will visit there. It will be some time before the line all the way to the coast is completed, as there is a large gap to be filled by the California company to connect with our line at Tucson."

"We have no plans for any special improvements in El Paso at the present time, though we are completing our line to Government Hill."

"We will leave for Tucson Sunday night and will return to El Paso next Wednesday on our way to Las Cruces to inspect our lines there."

Suits pressed, 50c; sponged and pressed, 75c; called for and delivered. Gray, the Tailor, 2024 Texas, Bell 154.

Hot Clam Bouillon with salt sprays Filite Confectionery Co.

Plum pudding candy at McCullough's.

NO ELECTION HELD AT SAYLES' RANCH

Boxes Sent There to Receive the Ballots Returned Unused.

That a state and county election was not held at Sayles' ranch, in the southeast part of El Paso county, on November 8, is now certain, as the ballot boxes and election supplies, which were sent to Toyah, the nearest railway station, have been returned. The shipment was received Saturday.

Believing that the ballot boxes might be pressed into service at Toyah for waste paper receptacles, county clerk Pitman wrote and asked for the return of the shipment. Sayles' ranch precinct was established two years ago, when there were about 35 voters in the district. In view of the returns at the recent election, the vote from the ranch precinct would not have materially effected the results.

FAILS TO RECOVER STOLEN MONEY AND LEAVES FOR EAST

Mrs. I. V. Kentner, whose handbag containing \$120 was stolen at the union station Tuesday, left Saturday on the Golden State Limited for Richmond, Va. She was accompanied by her daughter, Evelyn. Mrs. Kentner did not recover any of the stolen money.

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Mrs. Willie Thaw, third, formerly Miss Gladys Virginia Bradley, and William Thaw, third, to whom she was recently married in New York. Mrs. Thaw, who is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Henderson Bradley, of Bridgeport, Conn., when she became engaged to Thaw, stipulated that she would not marry him unless he would refrain from drinking intoxicating liquors for six months. Mr. Thaw, who is well known in his home town, Pittsburg, Pa., for his many escapades, fulfilled his vow, and now says he will quit the "stuff" forever. Thaw is a nephew of Harry Thaw.